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Advisory Announcement

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Closure of the Directed Commercial Black Rockfish Fishery and Bycatch Allowance Reduction in the Afognak and Eastside Districts of the Kodiak Area

Emergency Order 4-GF-17-22

The directed commercial black rockfish jig gear fishery in the Afognak and Eastside Districts of the Kodiak Area will close at 11:59 p.m. September 6, 2022. Catch reports indicate black rockfish harvest in the Afognak and Eastside Districts is approaching the guideline harvest levels.

Following the closure, vessels may retain black rockfish in the Afognak and Eastside Districts as bycatch, up to 5% by weight of the target species onboard. Operators of vessels registered for the Afognak or Eastside Districts must contact ADF&G in Kodiak to change district registration prior to targeting black rockfish outside of the Afognak or Eastside Districts.

For more information, contact ADF&G in Kodiak at (907) 486-1840.

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